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REMARKS

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Information

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1. At 1700 on 10 June 1954, two T-34/85 tanks arrived by rail at the Eggesin railroad station. Shortly after 2000, they were detrained and driven to the barracks installations in the wooded area. At 2100 on 11 June, two T-34/85 tanks were at the Eggesin railroad station. They were probably driven to the barracks installations in the wooded area during the night.

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2. On 11 June, at least 20 armored personnel carriers were seen in two garages in barracks section E of the Karpin installation.

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3. On and after 16 June, the units at Karpin installation were on a stand-by status. On 17 June, at least 40 T-34/85 and about 40 trucks were seen ready for employment in section E of the installation. About 40 artillery pieces and 50 trucks had been lined up in section D. All highways in the Eggesin-Karpin area were patrolled by KVP personnel on 18 June. All vehicles and passengers on the highway were checked. Training activities were interrupted between 16 and 18 June.

4. Between 22 and 25 June, the KVP units stationed at Karpin were again conducting their normal training activities. Details of up to 30 infantrymen were observed leaving the barracks installations for training in the field.

5. Construction workers stated that new target ranges were under construction in wooded area east of the barracks installations.

6. On 21 June, Western leaflets were found in the billets of the Altwarp installation. Efforts to find out who had smuggled the leaflets into the installation were in vain.

7. In the night of 15/16 June, explosives were seized in section B of the Karpin barracks installation. An officer and four EM were arrested in connection with the incident. Seizable quantities of Western propaganda material were also found.

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8. On 24 June, 32 x 57-mm AT guns, 8 x 6-wheeled armored personnel carriers and 12 model B4-64 armored reconnaissance cars were observed in garages of barracks section E.

9. Between 20 and 25 June, infantry training at Karpin was particularly intense. The armored units were observed training in section C of the installation at Jaegerbrueck. A target range measuring 90 x 110 meters was under construction adjacent to barracks sections D and E for subcaliber target practice by tanks and AT guns.²

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10. Between 16 and 18 June, the personnel at installation Karpin had been placed on an alert status. The entire road traffic in the Eggesin-Karpin area was strictly controlled.²

11. On 19 June, details of up to 50 KVP soldiers were given infantry training in the vicinity of the barracks installations. Between 21 and 25 June, mortar and artillery units were engaged in firing practices. Mortar and artillery fire was heard from the area southeast of Karpin. On 23 June, a detail of 15 men practiced telephone line construction. On 24 June, about 20 officer motorcycles mounting machine guns were observed proceeding through Eggesin.

12. A newly erected tent camp in the Jaegerbrueck area was occupied by KVP personnel.²

13. On 27 June, the Karpin mortar units returned from firing practices held in the Ahlbeck area. On the same day, all artillery and AT units of Division Eggesin left for firing practices scheduled to extend over a period of about three weeks.

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1. Comment. According to other information, the entire KVP had been placed on an alert status on 17 June.

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2. Comment. The Jaegerbrueck troop training grounds which is subdivided into section A for infantry, section B for artillery and section C for tanks was probably occupied, in June 1954, by component units of Mechanized Division Eggesin which held firing practices there. As in the previous year, the training troops were quartered in tents. The mortar units which returned to Karpin on 28 June had left for firing practices, allegedly in the Ahlbeck area on 7 June. It is believed that these firing practices were held in the Jaegerbrueck area where firing ranges are available.

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